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Today's Topics:

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Morse football

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Subject: Gun Owners: Protect your Rights!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <sd77804.057@LAKEHURST.NAVY.MIL> MINKC@LAKEHURST.NAVY.MIL (CHARLES
MINK) writes:

>Typical of you NRA wackos, you have abused the media by placing
>this issue in an amateur radio forum to make your absurd case.
>No one needs assault weapons. Any one with any sense will urge
>congress to BAN ALL ASSAULT WEAPONS immediately.
>

Chuck, there is not even a *definition* of "assault weapon." You sound
like one of the millions of sheep who believe the TV media and the lying
president and secretary of the treasury when they tell you the firearms
they're trying to ban are used disproportionately in crime, are "the choice
of gang members, drug dealers and terrorists," are "rapid-fire," are "high-

It's really sad how ignorant people like you are. It's even sadder that you people seem to agree with Bill Clinton's position that the second amendment to the Constitution is about hunting.

Go back to sleep.
KD4LLV

Followups to talk.politics.guns.

-- Charles Dickens

"When personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it."

- U.S. President Bill Clinton, 1994

I have seen a number of comments about needing to find out what the actual problem was before storming the Bastille. Well, I found the following during my wanderings about the net.

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Date: 17-Apr-94 19:19 EDT

From: W4MLE <thurston@freenet.fsu.edu>
Subj: Why THE ARRL fired Luck Hurder

Many ARRL volunteers in Florida were surprised last week to learn that Luck Hurder KY1T had been was fired from his position as Deputy Field Services Manager at ARRL. This job brought him into frequent contact with Amateurs all over the country. He was one of the people at ARRL HQ who nearly always answered his mail promptly and could be counted on to do exactly as he promised. With his permission, given by telephone this date, here is his own explanation.

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Email from Luck Hurder 17 April 1994 to W4MLE and WA4PUP:

"Those of you who know me well will immediately understand why I couldn't possibly abide by what follows, but for the record, my final conversation with Rick Palm was to the effect that yes, I would in fact abide by everything contained therein, PROVIDED that each and every ARRL HQ employee be asked to sign a similar document. They declined. Rick's last words to ME were, 'then you give me no alternative but to terminate your employment'.

73 - Luck Hurder KY1T"

Here is the text of what Rick Palm wanted Hurder to sign:

"FINAL WARNING

"The problem of Mr. Hurder's external communications has been called to his attention before (see attached memoranda, for example)*, so this is nothing new. The inappropriate content, and tone of Mr. Hurder's communications have continued and have been damaging to the organization.

"Poor judgment leading to these inappropriate communications has served to reduce the credibility of the organization with members and volunteers.

"The most recent situation, as documented in the attached, regards the repeated inappropriate dissemination of internal policy through electronic communications, and inappropriate communications with field volunteers.** The organization will not tolerate any further instances of this behavior.

"The addendum Mr. Hurder appended to an e-mail message presented

publicly, in an inappropriate manner, an internal business policy, despite Mr. Hurder's opportunity to discuss the policy as a member of the management team at a manager's meeting a week earlier. The policy was communicated succinctly to Mr. Hurder at that time,** and was followed up in a written memorandum to all staff a week later.

"To help the organization rectify the instant situation, Mr. Hurder must:

"1. Issue an apology (approved by the undersigned in advance of release) to the subject correspondents and any other correspondent who received the addendum. Additionally, an apology (approved by the undersigned in advance of release) must be issued to the affected Director(s).

"2. Refrain from commenting externally on this, or any, internal business policy.

"3. Refrain from issuing inappropriate and potentially destructive communications externally again.

"4. Conduct his correspondence so that it will not come to the point where the organization is forced to review every piece of outgoing mail to ensure its integrity. If this happens, then it will be deemed that he is unsuitable for the position of Deputy Manager.

"5. Failure to comply with all of the above will result in immediate termination of employment."

(Signed) Richard Palm. Dated 4/13/94
Luck Hurder would not sign.

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* In a telephone interview, Luck said the attached documents "were about 10 pages of gripes from directors about my 'bad attitude'" as it related to board actions.

** The "inappropriate content" referred to explaining to members that copies of all communications had to be sent to the appropriate ARRL director. "On email, I tacked on a disclaimer saying please be aware that a copy of this is going to your elected ARRL Director, and quoted a staff edict saying failing to do this would result in a poor annual review.

"Most email messages I handled every day had no indication of

where the message came from, hence no clue to which was the 'appropriate director.' I asked Rick how to tell which one. And he said 'that's already been discussed,' but wouldn't tell me the outcome of the discussion."

NOTE: AMATEURS MAY FEEL FREE TO POST THIS MESSAGE ON PACKET BBSs AND OTHER EMAIL SERVICES PROVIDED THE WHOLE MESSAGE IS POSTED -- NOT JUST PARTS OF IT. - W4MLE BY PERMISSION OF KY1T.

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In article 858@netcom.com, dgf@netcom.com (David Feldman) writes:
-->In article <2q3458\$rfp@news.acns.nwu.edu> r-dewan@nwu.edu (Rajiv Dewan, ARS AA9CH) writes:
-->>In article <2ptl17\$kt4@hebron.connected.com> jfreedmn@hebron.connected.com
-->>(Jeffrey A. Freedman) writes:
-->>>Has anyone had any experience (either positive or negative) with
-->>>the OUTBACKER MOBILE ANTENNA? I am considering installing an HF
-->
-->>some more while driving to Dayton this last weekend. A while ago
-->>some one had posted a comparison of a bunch of mobile antennas which
-->>rated them based on field strength measurements. The outbacker was
-->>dead last and the bugcatcher first - with a factor of 50 or so. That is
-->>17db!
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-->
-->If someone saved this, could you please e-mail or post it? I've been looking
-->for just this data while trying to decide if/how to replace my roof-mounted
-->hustler antenna.
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-->73 Dave WB0GAZ dgf@netcom.com

I have heard the same data before.

Regarding the bugcatchers, there are a few varieties it seems.

Any differences between the style with the capacitance hat and the style without? Also, the dude from Texas Antennas (?) at Dayton pointed out that their model with the little coil at the bottom (besides the monster coil in the middle), allowed a much larger 2:1 swr range on 80 (and 40?). Any experiences?

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From: athos.cc.bellcore.com!oscar!hw@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Morse football
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I came across an interesting item in the current issue of the British publication "Practical Wireless." Remember as you read it that "football" in England means "soccer" in the U.S.

Harold
KB2M

Morse Football

Did you know that fans at football matches are Morse experts? Well I didn't either until Mike Stott G0NEE told me. Apparently, if you listen to the shouts and the clapping, one of the clapping sequences is:

CLAP CLAP clap clap clap clap clap clap CLAP CLAP
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This, as you can see represents 73 in Morse. After some investigation Mike has come up with the facts. It all started just after the start of the Second World War and the earliest date of its use that he can find was in the winter of 1940.

This was used by the fans as a way of sending "Best Wishes" to their football team. Morse code was used because at

that time a large number of the general public could read and send Morse code - not only from its use in being a member of the armed forces but also in every day from the youth organisations at the time! So now you know.

(Practical Wireless, May 1994)

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